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20 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT:

Formulation of a national psychological strategy

1. The attached memorandum was distributed at a meeting held this morning in the War Room, which was attended by the Chiefs and/or Deputies and Chief Planning Officers of all the area divisions, as well as by

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- 2. The representatives of the area divisions fully understand the crucial importance of the task which the PSB is setting for itself in attempting to formulate a national strategic policy. They also recognize the profound influence which will eventually be exerted upon future Opc operations as a result of the formulation of a national psychological strategy.
- 3. I feel sure that the PY Staff will receive most willing and helpful cooperation from each of the area divisions. However, the division Chiefs clearly indicated that they could not by any means make their maximum contributions within the time limit set by the 29 February suspense date mentioned in para. 5 of ADPC's instructions. Accordingly, I agreed to Friday. 7 March, as the suspense date for their part of the task. The PY Division will require an additional three or four days to digest the Division reports when received and to produce its first working paper. Consequently, I suggest Thursday, 13 March as a realistic suspense date.
- 4. I am sure that you will be understanding of this delay knowing, as you do, that papers of such importance, when prepared under crash conditions, are usually unsatisfactory. I believe that in this case that if we were to produce a paper which could be considered only "half baked" we would be doing both our own agency and the PSB a serious disservice.

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Chief
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As stated (TS 66360 dtd 20 Feb. 52)

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